



*"The Widow's Mite" Kathy Peterson*  
**Season of Ordinary Time**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 25, 2015**  
**10:30 am**

# *Jesus Justice Prayer Peace*

*\*Indicates to stand in body or spirit*

## **Welcome & Ministry Updates**

Yolanda Adams

*Please pass the red friendship pads to sign in at this time. If this is your first time visiting, please legibly write your name and address so we may send you a letter of welcome and more information about our church.*

## **Voluntary**

“Fantasy on Ein Festa Burg” - arr. Scheidt

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**All: *God redeems us from trouble,***

One: Gathering us from east and from the west,

**All: *From the north and from the south.***

One: God led our ancestors from the wilderness,  
through the Jordan to a new land.

**All: *We give thanks for God’s steadfast love***

One: And God’s wonderful works to humankind.

**All: *We worship God with thanks and praise.***

## **\*Hymn #439**

“A Mighty Fortress”

## **Opening Prayer** *(in unison)*

*Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence.*

*We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church*

*that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen.*

**Prayer Response "We Praise God with Prayer"**

The image shows a musical score for a prayer response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics: "We praise God with prayer, to - geth - er we are wor - ship - ing;". The second system has the lyrics: "in kind - ness we share, we come now with sing - ing." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature.

**A Reading of Scripture**

1 Kings 17:8-16

**Solo**

"Eagle's Wings" - arr. Hayes

Pastor Gary Mitchell

**A Time with Children**

Pastor Gary Mitchell

*After a Time with Children, children may follow Gary out of the sanctuary and into a classroom for a time of religious exploration and education. They will return to worship at the end of service.*

**\*Passing the Peace**

**A Reading of Scripture**

Mark 12:38-44

**Sermon**

"The Widow's Might"

Rev. Margot Pickett

**\*Hymn #562**

"Take my Gifts"

## A Time of Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus (Maori Version)

*Earth Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer,  
Source of all that is and all that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*May the hallowing of your name  
echo through the universe!*

*May your heavenly will be done  
by all creatures great and small!*

*And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth!*

*With the bread we need this day, feed us.*

*For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.*

*Through times of temptation, strengthen us.*

*From trials too great to endure, spare us.*

*From the grip of all that is evil, free us.*

*For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love. Amen.*

## We Offer our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Response #785      “We Give You but Your Own”

*We give you but your own, whatever the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

\*Hymn #565

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

*Please join us in the Friendship Hall following worship.*

*Spencer Duin, Chair of Finance, will present a report about our finances. He will be reviewing our budgets and how our giving and pledging has met up with our goals for this year.*

Today is Reformation Sunday, an observance of Protestant movements in the church. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther wrote the words and tune of our opening hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," sometimes called the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation" for the effect it had in increasing the support for the Reformers' cause.

The United Church of Christ ... claims as its own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. It affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God.

*Preamble to the Constitution of the United Church of Christ.*



## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Pritchard Park Captains Needed:** This is your chance to steer the USS Pritchard Park Breakfast Cruiser for a Sunday or two. You will be ably assisted by experienced sailors. We need you Nov. 29 or Jan. 17. If interested, please email Calvin Allen at [calvinwnc@gmail.com](mailto:calvinwnc@gmail.com), or call him at 318-6733. Thanks, mateys!
- **PRITCHARD PARK Full Breakfast Needs:** We will be providing the entire Breakfast meal for Pritchard Park on the following dates: November 29th, 2015, December 20th, 2015, January 10th 2016. We will ask for donations of boiled eggs, fruit, juice, milk or just plain old currency. Please see Beaver Wyatt for more details or email her at [beaverwyatt@bellsouth.net](mailto:beaverwyatt@bellsouth.net)

- **Do you have the time and interest to help children improve their reading?**  
Please consider volunteering for our READING BUDDIES program. There is still time to become a Reading Buddy to a K-3 grader at Johnston Elementary School. The statistics at this school for poverty is a staggering 95% and these children need our help! The training will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Yolanda (ministry@uccasheville.org) to sign up in advance.
- **Operation Christmas Hope at Community High School:** The first year we purchased Christmas gifts for 101 students, last year was 110 but this year....145! The cost per child is \$50 and you may choose to simply donate your money or you can wait to pick a child or two to buy directly for. This program means the world to these young adults as this may be the only Christmas present they receive and some ask for presents for their parents or their own children. You may donate by check or cash, just make sure that the memo line or envelope has "Community High School" indicated. We will also be asking for shopping help and gift wrapping help as well as donations of Christmas wrap and gift bags. For more info or to become involved, contact Yolanda (ministry@uccasheville.org).
- **Donations Needed at Be Loved House:** Be Loved House believes everyone deserves food, clothing, a safe place to call home, good work or care when you can't work, dignity, and most of all LOVE. They are in need of: microwave, ironing board, blankets, backpacks, sleeping bags, hoodies, trash bags and of course, good old fashioned donations especially monthly donors at any amount \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 made out directly to Be Loved House. Donate via mail at 39 Grove St., Asheville, NC 28801 or online at belovedasheville.com.

## Activities

- **Join us for a BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** that reads a chapter a week from a spiritual author, example: the book we are reading now is "Saving Jesus from the Church by Robin Meyers." We meet each Tuesday morning at 10 am. until 11:30 in North Asheville. CONTACT: Doug Lebbon 686-4417 douglebbon@charter.net, Julie Everett 414 803-0496 zowiemom@yahoo.com, Carol Duin 254-4068 scduin@gmail.com. ALL ARE WELCOME.
- **Advent Wreath Making Workshop:** November 22nd at 11:30 am. Join us as we make advent wreaths from freshly cut greenery and candles for you to use in your home. Children are welcome to participate, with the help of their adults. Cost of materials is \$11. Please RSVP in advance so Gary can purchase enough materials: cantorucc@aol.com
- **ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET December 6:** We are inviting all artists that would like to exhibit and sell during this event to participate. Each artist/vendor is responsible



for the set up and breakdown of their booth. Booths can go up late Saturday evening or early Sunday morning. Please contact Yolanda for further info or if you would like to exhibit: [ministry@uccasheville.org](mailto:ministry@uccasheville.org).

## Worship

- **All Saint's Day November 1<sup>st</sup>:** As is our tradition, for this worship service we ask you to bring in any pictures of loved ones that have passed away to put on the chancel steps so that they can be remembered. Please drop off your pictures before the worship service. There will be candles for you to light as a sign of remembrance.

## Classes & Workshops

**Sundays at 9:15 am:** On November 15<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Brenda Lewis will be starting a drop-in style Bible Study on the topic of 1 Corinthians. Anyone is welcome to attend as often as they like.

**Mondays at 5:45-8pm:** Art as a Spiritual Practice for Peace and Healing. Join us in some meditative art-making! No art experience or supplies needed. Drop-ins welcome. Please arrive on time.

## Calendar

### Monday, October 26, 2015

Art as Spiritual Practice E-105 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM

### Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Staff meeting 11:00 AM

### Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Librarian in Church Library 2:00-4:00

Bell choir E-101 5:30 PM

### Sunday, November 1, 2015

Worship (All Saints Day) 10:30 AM

### Monday, November 2, 2015

Art as Spiritual Practice E-105 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM

### Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Staff meeting 11:00 AM

### Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Librarian in Church Library 2-4:00 PM

Bell choir E-101 5:30 PM

### Sunday, November 8, 2015

Worship 10:30am

Faith & Flicks E-101 5:45 - 8:00 PM

### Monday, November 9, 2015

Art as Spiritual Practice 5:45 - 8:00 PM

### Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Staff meeting 11:00 AM

FCUCC Game Night w/ Mary & Dennis E-105 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Librarian in Church Library 2- 4:00 PM

Bell choir E-101 5:30 PM

### Sunday, November 15, 2015

Bible Study 9:15AM E-107

Worship 10:30 AM

FCUCC Youth group tower Room 2 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

*You may contact our Interim Pastor, Margot Pickett at [margot.pickett@uccasheville.org](mailto:margot.pickett@uccasheville.org). Her open office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 9 am to 12 pm. She prefers to know in advance if you will be stopping by, so please call the office or email her to arrange a time. If those hours don't work for your schedule, she is able to work with you. Just ask! For urgent pastoral needs, call her on her cell phone: 919-414-6053.*

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## **For this week's service**

Greeters/Ushers: Larry Horne & Ron Phillips

Liturgist: Reverend Dorri Sherrill

Deacon of the Month: Carol Duin

Alternate Deacon of the Month: Julie Everett (Handicap Door)

Childcare/Nursery: Marcella Gonzalez



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